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Harold:

I got your 399 base photo and compared it with Roffman's-- not as carefully as I shall later when I have more time, but well enough to say that I do not see the change that you indicate. I will look at them more carefully later, so this opinion might change, but I think not. If you feel sure that the base lost a fragment between the times these two pictures were taken, you will have to specify for me exactly where on the base you mean. I cannot find a difference-- except those caused by changes in angle of photography and lighting.

However, your photo shows some important things that Roffman's does not-- things I wanted to know and couldn't learn from R's picture. Seeing these things in your photo makes me all the more confident that no fragment is missing from the base except at the conical crater where Frazier himself removed substance. I would like to have my opinion checked by a competent person, but I feel absolutely certain about it.

I'll explain more later when I have time. The indications that no fragments were lost are specific and positive.

The question will be settled for good only ~~if you~~ when you get another opinion or two. I think it will stand up solidly in court.

Have to stop. Will write more later.

Still,

*Dick*

cc Roffman